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# DEWAR'S

## Football Arguments

(Q.)—How high should the crossbar be from the ground? What is the distance between the goalposts? What is the distance from the corner flags and the centre of the field? What is the weight and size of the ball?

(A.)—The crossbar should be eight feet from the ground. The goalposts are 24 feet apart. The corner flags and centre flags should be less than five feet in height. The commencement of the game. The ball should weigh from 12 to 14 ounces, and in circumference should be not less than 26 inches nor more than 28 inches.

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(Q.)—Is it possible to appeal a referee's decision? Suppose a referee awarded a goal, and subsequently proved beyond doubt that the decision was wrong. Could the F.A. or League reverse the referee and reverse the decision?

(A.)—The duties of the referee are to enforce the laws and settle all disputed points. His decisions on points of fact concerning the play are final, and cannot be altered.

As the laws are framed by the Football Association, they cannot alter a referee's decision as to a point of fact. The F.A. and League have not the authority to deal with matters so far as the referee's ruling on the field is concerned.

The League's power extends only so far as removing a referee from their official list if they are not satisfied with the way a referee has conducted a series of games have been conducted.

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(Q.)—Is a player who kicks the ball from a corner kick not offside, even in the goal, if his being nearer to the goal than the goalkeeper?

(A.)—No.

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## Amateur Status.

### THE NEW DEFINITION ADOPTED BY AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Association fosters and encourages amateur football, and discourages professional football.

Players are either amateur or professional.

A player registered by an Association is recognised as such by the Association, and by all the other Associations.

An amateur player shall not receive any payment for playing football.

An amateur player shall give a written receipt for any payment in respect of colours, travelling expenses, hotel expenses, stating particulars of expenses, and affiliated Associations and clubs must produce such receipt to this Association any time if required to do so.

An amateur player is entitled to be employed by a club or an Association in any capacity for which he receives remuneration, the club or Association may be required to satisfy to the satisfaction of this Association that his services as a player do not affect the amount of remuneration paid him.

A player taking part in a competition for money prizes is a professional.

A player may receive at the expense of his club or Association the services of a coach or trainer, the services of masseuses or special treatment for his training, or when he is injured. In case of accident he may be insured by insurance, the proceeds of which have been paid by the Association or club, and with the consent of his State Association.

A player shall be entitled to receive his doctor's fees, or the proceeds of any benefit match, subscription or collection, without losing his amateur status.

9. An amateur player loses his qualification as such when a decision of his State Association declares him a professional. If declaring his wish to become a professional, he shall be a professional when his request has been agreed to by his State Association.

10. A professional player shall not be allowed to serve on the Council of this Association, or on the Council or Committee of any Association or club, or represent his own or any other Association or club at any football meeting. When any person gives notice in writing to the secretary of this or a State Association that he has ceased to play football, such person may be exempt from the operation of this rule, if his State Association so decides.

11. A player who is prepared to make an affidavit that no money or other consideration has been paid for his services as a footballer in any code is to be regarded as an amateur until and unless a decision of his State Association declares him to be otherwise.

12. Players arriving from outside the Commonwealth shall be regarded as amateur players on landing in Australia.

13. Each professional approved by a State Association shall be registered on a form to be supplied by the secretary of this Association.

Each form, after all particulars have been filled in, including the date of signature, must be signed by the professional (his signature being attested), and returned to the secretary of his State Association.

A player shall be entitled to receive his doctor's fees, or the proceeds of any benefit match, subscription or collection, without losing his amateur status.

14. The State Association shall have power to cancel the registration of a professional at any time upon application of the player or of his club, or may transfer him from one club to another, subject to the constitution and rules of the Association. A professional transferred must be re-registered by the club to which he is transferred.

15. Clubs must have written agreements with their professional players, stating all the terms of the engagements, and such agreements must be completed when the player signs the registration form.

16. State Associations may, with the approval of this Association, make further regulations providing for the control of the professional player.

## Football Arguments.

(Q.)—Is 3-2 a one clear goal victory?

(A.)—Certainly. It is as much a one clear goal victory as 1-0. The statement that only the latter score can be regarded as a clear goal victory is merely a "gag." If one team scored 100 goals and the other 99 that would be a clear margin of one goal. The fact of the matter is that the phrase "clear goal" has no meaning. A goal is a goal whether it be clear, unclear, or anything else.



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### PROGRAMME

#### FIRST GRADE.

**NORTH SYDNEY V. SOUTH SYDNEY.**

Redfern Oval, 3.15. Referee: T. Leighton.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**  
(Red and Black.)

Bowyer

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1-Brandon | 2-C. Smith     |
| 3-G. Rose | 4-J. Booth     |
| 5-Rodgers | 6-Hetherington |
| 7-Kent    | 8-Stewart      |
| 9-Furniss |                |

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|             |               |            |               |
|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 10-J. Moore | 9-P. Patulney | 8-S. King  | 7-E. Richards |
| 5-R. Meek   | 4-F. Burne    | 3-A. Baker |               |
| 2-J. Condon | 1-Silvester   |            |               |

Cocking

**SOUTH SYDNEY.**  
(Red and Green.)

#### SECOND GRADE.

**NORTH SYDNEY V. SOUTH SYDNEY.**

Redfern Oval, 1.45. Referee: J. Hague.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**  
(Red and Black.)

Team not available.

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|               |              |            |           |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 10-J. Elliott | 9-J. Scanlan | 8-E. Shaw  | 7-J. Pace |
| 5-C. Watson   | 4-C. Hurkett | 3-C. Baker |           |
| 2-Swan        | 1-Hopkins    |            |           |

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(Red and Green.)

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## PROGRAMME

### FIRST GRADE.

#### BALMAIN V. PYRMONT,

Wentworth Park, 3.15. Referee: G. McLay.

#### BALMAIN.

(Black and Gold.)

H. Simmonds

1-J. Driscoll

2-W. Pont

3-A. Robertson 4-R. Seddon 5-W. Byers

Ireland 7-W. Hale 8-J. Sinclair 9-F. Ramsay 10-A. Menzies

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Doig 9-H. Booth 8-R. Bennett 7-Quill 6-A. Adamson

5-E. Hill 4-T. Richards 3-T. Turner

2-G. Humphries 1-S. Robinson

P. McGroder

**PYRMONT.**

(Blue.)

Men: L. Harber and C. Smith.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### BALMAIN V. PYRMONT.

Wentworth Park, 1.45. Referee: J. Thompson.

#### BALMAIN.

(Black and Gold.)

J. McNally

13-L. Hancock

14-J. Christie

15-A. Flinn 16-W. Ferguson 17-R. Chapman

Parker 19-T. Boyle 20-R. McDonald 21-R. Burness 22-H. Swanson

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(Team not available.)

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## EASTERN SUBURBS.

Easts were most unfortunate in not gaining a couple of points at Holmesville's expense last Saturday. Robinson in goal gave the worst exhibition of his career with Easts, and should have saved at least two out of the four goals scored. What a pity he did not act on the advice given in these columns last week to "get down" to the ball instead of trying to stop shots with his feet—it is a terrible mistake for a goalkeeper to make when he is allowed the use of his hands. A good goalie will always face the ball and drop on one knee to stop ground shots, then if he cannot gather the ball in his arms his body will stop it and assist him. F. Lambie will be the custodian against Cardiff to-day at Newcastle, and it is sincerely hoped that he will justify his inclusion.

Clilverd should never have been allowed to play, as he had not recovered from a previous injury, and it was neither fair to him nor his club to utilise his services; he was merely a passenger throughout the game, and under the circumstances Easts' forwards and half-backs did remarkably well to score four goals. Holmesville is a fairly good team, and the forwards gave Easts' defence a torrid time on many occasions. The Tricolours' half-backs played a hard game, but the lack of understanding between them and the forwards is very noticeable; there is also too much ballooning of the ball when passing to the forwards instead of ground passes. Lockhead was the best of the halves. Featherstone will again appear at inside-right to-day, and if he plays unselfishly, then the whole forward line should show up well. It is a great pity that Jock Comrie could not accompany the team, but Moran should prove a good substitute and ably partner R. Lambie. Cardiff will certainly have to exert their utmost endeavours to prevent the Tricolours from collecting the two points.

Easts' Second Grade team is doing very well, and has suffered only one defeat in 5 games. However, they will require to be "all out" to win to-day's game against Auburn, who are playing in fine form this season. Caminiti in goal for Easts has performed well to date, but he will have to cease juggling with the ball and get rid

## Did You Know That—

The Pymont selectors are very satisfied with their present team, and believe it to be superior to that which fielded for them last year.

In Booth and Richards they have unearthed champions, and these two players have already made their presence felt.

Bob McKinney believes that Richards is the best centre-half in Australia, and the new centre-half's displays to date have certainly been fine.

Two good juniors in Turner (right-half) and Quill (inside-right), are above the ordinary and should go a long way.

Ireland, Balmain's right wing, is playing in good form, and Main supporters believe him to be the best in the competition.

Dickins, of Easts, has improved on last year, and is the Suburb's best forward.

The decision of Stan. Bourke to go over to the League, did not distress Auburnites. They believe that the juniors will yet show some of the seniors how to play.

South Sydney has a fine organiser in Secretary Harman. Souths have over thirty players signed on.

Forwards, Hetherington, Kent, Stewart and Clayton, of Norths, have all shaped well to date. Clayton's two goals against Easts were gems, and reminded the spectators of Robertson, of Gladesville.

of it more quickly. O'Connor will take Moran's place at left-back, and Harry English will play at centre-half. The latter should be of great assistance to the local team. Reid's failure at centre last week has necessitated him being placed on the right wing, whilst Batchelor will play inside. Haynes will be given a trial at centre, and if the other forwards keep putting the ball across in good style, then Fred. should get goals. Caminiti and Flowers play well on the left wing, and will no doubt do well to-day.

Robertson, by the way, promised to play for Easts against Holmesville, but the influences were strong, and he changed his mind.

Many of the State League players are not happy in their present company, and would like to go back to the "amateur" ranks.

Jim Driscoll, again with Main, has given some good exhibitions to date. He has a good power in Pont.

The three Balmains—Robertson, Seddon and Byers—are earning a name for themselves, and all three play fine defence football.

Suddick, of Balgownie, is a player, although he has not lived up to the high hopes which were entertained of him.

Report has it that Judy Main will not play for another two weeks. Judy is secretary of Balgownie, and is busy in training for the improvement of Balgownie ground.

The North Sydney Club is efficiently organised, with its working executive ever alert to give promising players a try-out. Secretary Edwards, ident Silverlock, and the rest of the committee are to be congratulated on the team which they got together.

## Football Arguments

(Q.)—A penalty kick was awarded the home team, and after the kick had been taken there was an argument on this point. A player who took the kick straight at the goalkeeper, saved, and the ball rebounded. The player who took the kick followed up, but as he was going to kick the ball again of his clubmates behind him to let it come. If he let it go to his clubmate, would he have put himself in an offside position or not?

(A.)—The answer is that he allowed the ball to pass and go to his own player, and the latter got the ball the wrong way (that is, the player who took the penalty kick) automatically put himself in an offside position. He was then in front of the goal and had not two opponents between him and his own goal-line.



## Protestant Churches Association

### TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Warren Meths. A should keep their undefeated record, but the Lakemba boys will have them beating. Campsie Pres. ought to get their lead, too.

Silas might win—but we doubt it. Botany Pres. A and Balmain Meth. A should collect. St. Marks ought to have a chance to-day. St. Albans A. will possibly have another set score—if they're lucky.

Aidan's A got into their last week, and might account for St. Pauls, and might not. Balmain Meth. A and Pet. Bapt. A draw—or more likely the latter will win. (Sec. Becket, who was hurt last week, is O.K. again).

Punchbowl Meth. A and All Saints ought to be close. M'kville are on Wardell Rd., and should be given a good chance. Campsie Meths. C. should have no trouble in keeping up their reputation. Dul. Hill Meths. also have

Penshurst Pres. showed what they were made of last week. Will probably show South Hurstville to-day. Bexley Pres. got a terrible shock last Saturday—mightn't come so hard to-day. St. Albans Free Church, after last week, have more than an even chance.

### Albert Titterton.

A. Titterton, of 6 James St., Penshurst, has been elected hon. sec. of South Sydney. In 1925, Albert, was on the M.C., and in 1926 represented the old players' Assn. In 1927 he was on the M.C., and at the commencement of this year occupied the position of hon. registrar at Dul. Hill. He has shown his worth, and is now in charge of a branch. McCulloch is tipped as his successor in Cook.

### Church Parade.

Sydney teams are reminded of the church parade at St. Aldarlington, to-morrow, at 7. All teams are expected to be

### Sports Day.

The usual gala day will be held on Canterbury Sports Ground on Monday, 4th June (King's Birthday). Teams are advised to get in early, as entries close on 25th May at the Sports Club.

### Players' Badges.

These are now available from the hon. secs. and ground managers (price 1/6 ea.). All teams should make a point of getting them.

### Council Meetings.

First-grade teams are reminded that the ordinary council meeting (one delegate from each team) will be held on Monday night, 8.15 p.m. at St. Barnabas. South Sydney meets on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at St. Albans, Dar.

### Draw For Saturday.

19th May, 1928.

#### 1st GRADE.

Lakemba Congs. A v. Croydon Congs. A, Lakemba, 3.15.  
St. Thomas A v. Campsie Meths., Canby, No. 1, 3.15.  
All Saints A v. Campsie Pres. A, Croydon Park, 3.15.  
Leichhardt Meths. A v. Austen, Wardell Rd. No. 2, 3.15.  
Warren Meths. A v. Dulwich Hill Pres., Cook's River, 3.15.

#### COOK BRANCH—2nd GRADE.

All Saints B v. Warren Meths. B, Wardell Rd., No. 4, 1.45 p.m.  
Punchbowl Meths. A v. Tempe Pk. Meths. A, Punchbowl, 3.15.  
Hurl. Park Meths. A v. Croydon Congs. B, Ashfield, 3.15.  
M'ville Congs. v. Campsie Meths. B, Canterbury No. 3, 3.15.  
St. Andrews S. Hill v. Campsie Pres. B, Cantby. No. 4, 3.15.

#### COOK BRANCH—3rd GRADE.

Lakemba Congs. C v. St. Andrews Lak., Lakemba, 1.45.  
Nth. Croydon Bapts. B v. Campsie Mths. C, Croydon Park, 1.45.  
Dulwich Hill Meths. v. Croydon Congs. C, Wardell Rd. No. 3, 1.45.

St. Andrews S. Hills B v. Hurlstone Pk. Meths. S.B., Canterbury, No. 3, 1.45.  
Punchbowl Meths. B v. Tempe Pk. Meths. B, Punchbowl, 1.45.

#### DALLEY BRANCH—3rd GRADE.

St. Aidan's B v. Leichhardt Meths. C, Canterbury No. 2, 1.45.  
Petersham Bapt. B v. H. H. Mission, Wardell Rd. No. 2, 1.45.  
St. Pauls B v. Balmain Meths. D, Wardell Rd. No. 1, 1.45.  
Lakemba Congs. C v. Balmain C, Canterbury No. 1, 1.45.  
Balmain Bapt. B, bye.

#### DALLEY BRANCH—2nd GRADE.

Balmain Meths. A v. St. Pauls A, Wardell Rd., No. 1, 3.15.  
Petersham Bapt. A, v. St. Johns, Cant. No. 4, 1.45.  
St. Aidans A v. Leichhardt Pres., Ashfield, 1.45.  
Balmain Bapt. A v. Leichhardt Meths. B, Wardell No. 3, 3.15.  
All Saints C v. St. Thomas B, Wardell No. 4, 3.15.

#### ST. GEORGE BRANCH.

Penshurst Pres. v. Carlton Bapt., Penshurst, 3.15.  
St. Hursville Meths. v. Peakhurst Meths., Canby, No. 3, 3.15.  
St. Johns, bye.  
Rockdale Pres. v. Rockdale Church of Christ, Tempe, No. 2, 3.15.  
St. Pauls, Kog., v. Bexley Pres., Tempe, No. 2, 1.45.  
Rockdale Meths. v. Banksia Free Church, Tempe, No. 3, 3.15.

#### SOUTH SYDNEY.

##### SECOND GRADE.

St. Barnabas v. Balmain Meths. B, Botany, 1.45.  
Botany Pres. A v. St. Silas, Rosebery, 3.15.  
St. Albans, Ult., A v. Holy Trinity, Botany, 3.15.  
Nth. Croydon Bapt. bye.

##### THIRD GRADE.

St. Albans, Ult., B v. St. Andrews, Lakemba, B, Centennial Pk., No. 2, 3.15.  
Botany Pres. B v. St. Marks, Centennial Pk., No. 2, 1.45.  
May Street Meths. v. St. Albans, Darl., B, Cook's River, No. 3, 1.45.  
Alexandria Congs. v. St. Albans, Darl., A, Rosebery, 1.45.  
Redfern Congs. v. McNeil Memorial, Centennial Pk., No. 1, 3.15.



# N. S. W. and Metrop. Associations

## RESULTS LAST SATURDAY.

### FIFTH ROUND.

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Eastern Suburbs 4, Holmesville |
| Pymont 6, South Sydney 2       |
| Canterbury 3, Auburn 3         |
| Helensburgh 3, Balmain 2       |
| Corrimal 3, Balgownie 1        |
| Adamstown 5, North Sydney nil. |
| New Lambton 4, Cardiff 1       |
| West Wallsend 3, Wallsend nil. |
| Thirroul the bye.              |

### SECOND GRADE.

Eastern Suburbs 3 (Flowers 2, Haynes goals) beat Aust. Woollen Mills nil, at S.C. Ground, No. 2.

Pymont 6 (Lind 2, Thomas 2, King 2) beat South Sydney nil, at Redfern Oval.

Auburn 2 (Burke, Wade goals) drew with Canterbury 2 (Bongers, Metealfe), at Canterbury Sports Ground.

Callan Park 2 (Burgess, Kerrison goals) drew with Balmain 2 (Parker, Berness goals), at Callan Park.

### M. W. D. L. B. F.A. Pt. Goals.

|             |   |   |   |   |   |       |    |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|----|
| W. Wallsend | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29.10 | 10 |
| Adamstown   | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19.2  | 9  |
| Pymont      | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 20.13 | 8  |
| East. Subs. | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11.12 | 6  |
| Corrimal    | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9.9   | 6  |
| Sth. Sydney | 5 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 13.15 | 6  |
| N. Lambton  | 5 | 3 | — | 2 | — | 20.13 | 6  |
| Canterbury  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | — | 18.20 | 5  |
| Auburn      | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 12.15 | 5  |
| Balmain     | 5 | 1 | — | 3 | 1 | 6.9   | 4  |
| Wallsend    | 5 | 2 | — | 3 | — | 7.13  | 4  |
| Helensburgh | 4 | 2 | — | 2 | — | 9.9   | 4  |
| Thirroul    | 4 | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | 7.9   | 4  |
| Balgownie   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 10.8  | 3  |
| Nth. Sydney | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 12.20 | 3  |
| Holmesville | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 9.18  | 3  |
| Cardiff     | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7.23  | 0  |

## SECOND GRADE.

|                | P. | W. | L. | D. | F.A.   | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|--------|------|
|                |    |    |    |    | Goals. |      |
| Auburn         | 5  | 3  | 0  | 2  | 13.8   | 8    |
| Pymont         | 5  | 4  | 1  | 0  | 26.4   | 8    |
| East. Subs.    | 5  | 4  | 1  | 0  | 12.9   | 8    |
| Canterbury     | 5  | 2  | 0  | 3  | 13.6   | 7    |
| Callan Park    | 4  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 5.9    | 3    |
| Perdronians    | 3  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5.4    | 3    |
| North Sydney   | 4  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 6.11   | 3    |
| Balmain        | 3  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 6.9    | 1    |
| Aust. W. Mills | 4  | 0  | 3  | 1  | 4.15   | 1    |
| South Sydney   | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 1.16   | 0    |

Two results not included—Balmain v. Aust. W. Mills, and North Sydney v. Perdronians.

## The Fixtures.

### MAY 12th.

#### FIRST GRADE.

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|---|
| Adamstown v. West Wallsend, Adamstown.                |
| Wallsend v. New Lambton, Wallsend.                    |
| Cardiff v. Eastern Suburbs, Cardiff.                  |
| Holmesville the bye.                                  |
| Balmain v. Pymont, Wentworth Park. (G. McLay.)        |
| South Sydney v. North Sydney, Redfern. (T. Leighton.) |
| Thirroul v. Canterbury, Thirroul.                     |
| Helensburgh v. Corrimal, Helensburgh.                 |
| Balgownie v. Auburn, Balgownie.                       |

#### SECOND GRADE.

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| South Sydney v. North Sydney, Redfern, 1.45. (J. Hague.)       |
| Balmain v. Pymont, Wentworth Park, 1.45. (J. Thompson.)        |
| Callan Park v. Aust. W. Mills, Callan Park, 2.30. (H. Batten.) |
| Canterbury v. Perdronians, S.C. Gd., No. 2, 1.45. (W. Clark.)  |
| Auburn v. Easts, S.C. Gd., No. 2, 3.15. (E. J. Martin.)        |
| Linesmen, Syd. Cricket Ground: L. Harper and C. Smith.         |

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### MAY 19th.

#### GARDINER CUP.

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| Balgownie v. New Lambton, S.C. Coast.       |
| Wallsend v. Cardiff, Newcastle              |
| North Sydney v. South Sydney, Redfern Oval. |

#### FIRST GRADE.

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|---|
| West Wallsend v. Balmain, West Wallsend.                  |
| Pymont v. Adamstown, Wentworth Park.                      |
| Auburn v. Helensburgh, Grand Show Ground.                 |
| Thirroul v. Holmesville, Thirroul                         |
| Eastern Suburbs v. Corrimal, Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2 |
| Canterbury the bye.                                       |

#### SECOND GRADE.

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| Pymont v. Perdronians, Wentworth Park, 1.45.                        |
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